

MEMO

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To: Community, Economic and Human Development Committee (CEHD)

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Subject: Compass 2% Strategy Implementation Update

SUMMARY

This item will present the second progress report on the Compass 2% Strategy, the subregional "Compass Opportunity Areas," and the tools and resources proposed to assist local partners engaged in promoting complementary land use policy. Staff will present draft criteria for use in making the Compass program's Suite of Services available as well as for designation of certain Demonstration projects that have significant potential to realize the goals and objectives of the Compass program.

BACKGROUND

The FY 04-05 Compass work program focuses on the unique opportunity, presented by the CEHD Committee and Regional Council in June 2004 in approving the vision, to further enhance relationships with the many jurisdictions and residents of the region.

The first step in this project is to create a consensus building system to help realize the benefits of the Growth Vision's "2% Strategy." The 2% Strategy is defined by "Compass Opportunity Areas." Focusing efforts in these limited areas can yield the greatest benefit to cities and the region. SCAG will work hand in hand with local partners to identify these critical areas, relying heavily on visual aids and maps to illustrate the opportunities.

Once the opportunity areas are identified, a set of tools and resources will be developed with cities, counties, and other stakeholders to help implement the vision. A key aspect will be a monitoring system that is readily available, coupled with results that are easy to understand and share, to track the land use successes showing benefit to the region's transportation system. The action plan's final component will be a series of demonstration projects, in key opportunity areas, to show what the vision could look like "on the ground."

